



**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
AMENDMENT MEMO**

2001 Senate Bill 402

**Senate
Amendment 1**

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Senate Bill 402 authorizes an intergovernmental commission (“commission”), that is formed by all the municipalities in Milwaukee County for providing animal control services, to enter into an agreement with Milwaukee County under which the commission assumes the county’s responsibility related to dog licensing. Those county responsibilities include maintaining a fund consisting of revenues from dog license fees to pay for administering the dog licensing law, to pay for caring for stray and unwanted dogs, and to pay claims for damages caused by dogs to domestic animals.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Senate Amendment 1 delays the effective date of the proposal until January 1, 2003.

DISTRIBUTION OF LATE FEES

Under *current law*, late fees for dog licenses are distributed to the city, village, or town in which the license was issued. *Senate Bill 402* provides that if the commission and Milwaukee County enter into an agreement authorized by the proposal under which the commission assumes the county’s responsibility for dog licensing, the late fees are then deposited into the dog license fund, rather than being distributed back to the city or village in which the license was issued. *Senate Amendment 1* deletes the latter provision, restoring current law regarding distribution of late fees.

Senate Amendment 1 was recommended for adoption by the Senate Committee on Universities, Housing, and Government Operations by a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 0.

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